

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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NEWS READING FROM AIR NATIONAL CHANNEL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to stop news reading in regional languages from AIR National Channel;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have consulted with State Governments and other experts in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) National Channel of All India Radio broadcasts News bulletins only in Hindi and English.
- (b), (c) and (d) Do not arise.